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It is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered in view of the following remarks and that it proceed to early examination.

Election of Species Requirement

In this Office Action, the Examiner requires that we elect a single stressor selected from:

- (a) oxidative stress;
- (b) ultraviolet radiation;
- (c) oxidative stress and ultraviolet radiation; or
- (d) oxidative stress and ultraviolet radiation in combination with heat stress.

In response, Applicants elect, without traverse, group (c) directed to oxidative stress and ultraviolet radiation.

Applicants submit that Claims 1-19 read on the elected species.

Early examination of this application is requested.

If it is determined that a telephone conversation would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant(s) petition(s) for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 50-0872** referencing docket no. 355908-1800.

Respectfully submitted,

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